

HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 703

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT THE RURAL EDUCATION
DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHALL ASSIST RURAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN RECEIVING
FEDERAL FUNDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] RURAL EDUCATION DIVISION--SERVICE TO RURAL
SCHOOL DISTRICTS.--

A. As used in this section and for federal funding
purposes, "rural school district" means a school district with
a membership of one thousand or fewer students or a school
district located in a county with a population density that is
at or below thirty people per square mile and whose largest

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1 municipality has a population of fewer than thirty thousand as
2 of the last federal decennial census.

3 B. In addition to any other duties provided by law
4 or assigned by the secretary, the rural education division
5 shall assist rural school districts in receiving all federal
6 funds available to rural school districts. An individual
7 public school, including a charter school, that has one
8 thousand or fewer students and that is located on tribal land
9 is entitled to assistance from the rural education division."